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1. LUONG THE HUNG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY IN LAOS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THIS POST TO BE POLITICAL REFUGEES. THEY ARE NOT LAO CITIZENS, BUT POSSESS ONLY IDENTITY CARDS WHICH PERMIT THEM TO WORK HERE. THESE IDENTITY CARDS, WHICH SHOW THEM AS VIETNAMESE, ARE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW BY THE LAO POLICE. THE LAO GOVERNMENT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PASSPORTS AS VALID DOCUMENTS AND HAS ENDORSED THE REQUEST OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY HERE THAT ALL HOLDERS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PASSPORTS TURN THESE OVER TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE. MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN VIENTIANE FEAR THAT THEY WILL BE REPATRIATED TO VIETNAM. THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF CAMBODIAN

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CITIZENS IN VIENTIANE. IN OUR VIEW, THEIR FEARS ARE NOT

UNREALISTIC.

2. AS OF AUGUST 15, CONSULAR SECTION HAS SENT IN SEVEN VISAS FALCON CABLES COVERING 38 PEOPLE (ALL VIETNAMESE OR CAMBODIAN), 20 ADULTS AND 18 CHILDREN. ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE AS POLITICAL REFUGEES. WE WILL RESUBMIT VISAS FALCON CABLES ON THESE CASES IN FORM YOU PRESCRIBE IN REF A AS SOON AS WE ABLE TO CONTACT REFUGEES AND HAVE THEM FILL IN APPROPRIATE FORMS. WE HOPE THAT THEIR CASES WILL NOT BE UNDULY HELD UP BY NECESSITY TO RESUBMIT THIS INFORMATION.

3. FOR UDORN: PLEASE RESUBMIT VISAS FALCON CABLES ON FAMILIES OF LAM LUONG AND TAN YUN (REFS H AND E).
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